Generating Activities suited to their skill, aptitude and local canditions. A Revolving Fund amounting to Rs. 25,000/- per group is given to meet their working capital requirements. DWCRA groups can get training under TRYSEM and avail of credit and subsidy under TRDP.

(c) DWCRA programme, besides providing income generating skills and activities to poor women in rural areas, aims at enhancing the welfare and quality of life of the family and the community by improving the access of the rural women to health, education, safe drinking water, sanitation, nutrition etc., With a view to achieving the objective, new initiatives have been taken up during the 8th Five Year Plan such as enhancement of amount of Revolving fund from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000 per group to enable the DWCRA women to take up higher investments and non-traditional activities, incorporating Child Care Activities in DWCRA with the objective of providing creche services for the children of working DWCRA women, setting up of literacy centres for DWCRA women, filling the critical gaps in the areas of immunization, nutrition etc., Information, Education and Communication Activities have been incorporated in DWCRA programme with the objective of generating awareness amongst the rural women. Implementation of Community Based Convergent Services (CBCS) programme has also been taken up in 141 districts with the objective of creating more awarness among the communities to enable them to demand social services and converging the programmes of ICDS, Drinking Water, National Literacy Mission, Mahila Samakhya programmes at grass root level.

(d) A Statement is given in the Annexure [*See Appendix 179, annexure no 45*]

Socio-Economic Development of States

2101. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the States which are backward in respect of socio-economic development;

(b) what are the steps initiated/ contemplated to ascertain and analyse the causes of this backwardness;

(c) the details of projects/policies planned to accelerate their development; and

(d) what is the execution level/status of each of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OR THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission have not identified any State as backward in term of socio-economic development. However, in allocation of Central assistance for State's Plans, special consideration is shown to requirements of certain States classified as Special category States namely Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and States located in North-East, which have a weak resource base. In addition, the modified formula for distribution of Central assistance, approved by NDC in 1991, is suitably weighed in favour of relatively economically under-developed States. Funds are also released under Special Area Programmes to supplement the efforts of the States to develop special problem areas.

Contractors under EAS

2102. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employment Assurance Scheme was launched in the country to provide a minimum 100 days work to the rural poor at their door-step,

by providing employment under rural development schemes, in their vicinity only;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and budgetary provisions for 1995-96 and 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the development work under the scheme is done through contractors who instead of employing poor and needy of the area, use 'tractors and machine power'; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The EAS was launched to provide 100 days of wage employment during the lean agricultural season to the rural poor in the EAS blocks. Persons seeking work under EAS should be given employment within the area of the block on any on-going EAS/Departmental or other works in the area.

(b) There is no fixed allocation of funds under EAS to the States since EAS is a demand driven scheme. Funds released to the States during 1995-96 & 1996-97 till date is given at statement. (*see* below). The details of projects/works under taken by the districts under the scheme is not maintained at the Centre.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. As per EAS guidelines, all works under the scheme should be executed departmentally only by the respective implementing agencies and in no case any contractors should be used in the execution of these works by the implementing agencies.

Statement

(Rs. in lacs)

Sl. No.	STATE/U.T	CENTRAL FUNDS RELEASED DURING	
		1995-96	1996-97
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14550.00	7270.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1859.00	910.00
3.	Assam	8020.00	1520.00
4.	Bihar	16230.00	6950.00
5.	Gujarat	6970.00	2770.00
6.	Haryana	3320.00	1290.00
7.	Himachal Pradesh	450.00	900.00
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	6740.00	1820.00
9.	Karnataka	10970.00	5070.00
10.	Kerala	1850.00	700.00
11.	Madhya Pradesh	22940.00	10650.00
12.	Maharashtra	11460.00	2050.00
13.	Manipur	900.00	630.00
14.	Meghalaya	250.00	430.00
15.	Mizoram	1200.00	800.00
16.	Nagaland	2080.00	950.00
17.	Orissa	11460.00	8500.00
18.	Rajasthan	14030.00	5950.00
19.	Sikkim	330.00	220.00
20.	Tamil Nadu	8410.00	6750.00
21.	Tripura	1560.00	720.00

22. Uttar Pradesh	15560.00	10720.00
23. West Bengal	9240.00	6800.00
24. A & N Islands	40.00	0.00
25. D & Nagar Haveli	30.00	0.00
26. Daman & Diu	20.00	0.00
27. Lakshdweep	100.00	0.00
TOTAL	170569.00	84370.00

Setting up of Nuclear Power Project in Andhra Pradesh

2103 DR. ALLADIP RAJKUMAR:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be plesed to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up nuclear power project in Andhra Pradesh or in any other Southern State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted for selection of suitable site; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTR OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Two units of 220 MWe are under construction at Kaiga in Karnataka. Advance procurement action for critical and long delivery items has been taken for four more units of 220 MWe to be located at this site. A proposal to commission a detailed project report for setting up of two units of 1000 MWe light water reactors at Kudankulam (Tamil Nadu) with the Cooperation of the Russian Federation is under negotiation. There is no proposal to set up a nuclear power project in Andhra Pradesh in the near future.

(c) and (d) A site selection committee appointed by the Department of Atomic Energy during 1991 undertook a survey of possible sites for locating new Atomic Power Plants. Nagarjunasagar in Nalgonda district and Kovvada in Srikakulam district were the two sites investigated by the site selection committee in Andhra Pradesh. The first site was considered more suitable than the second.

Construction of Boundary wall along Railway Line in Ashok Vihar

2104. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court had directed the DDA to construct a boundary wall along the railway line and subsequently to fill breaches in the wall caused by the jhuggi dwellers;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by DDA to fill all the breaches in the wall;

(c) whether it is a fact that the park is being used by the jhuggi dwellers for defecation; and

(d) if so, what action the DDA has taken to stop the jhuggi dwellers from defecating in the park so that it does not creat health hazards to the residents of the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.